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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as indicated below.

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